

[7 August, 2000]

RAJYA SABHA

**Direct-to-Home Telecasting Facility**

**†1601. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to provide facility of DTH (Direct to Home) telecast;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have assessed its social and protective effects?

**THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY):** (a) to (c) A Group of Minister (GOM) has been constituted to consider issues connected with Direct to Home (DTH) broadcasting. The GOM is yet to finalise its recommendations in this regard.

**Transmission Capacity of Patna DD Kendra**

**†1602. SHRI VIJAY SINGH YADAV:** Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the present capacity of transmission of Patna Station of Doordarshan;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the present transmission capacity of DD-1 and DD-2;

(c) if so, by when;

(d) whether it is proposed to extend the telecast capacity of DD-1 and DD-2 in all areas of Bihar; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

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<sup>†</sup> Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.